

SENATE BILL 197

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-18-115, relative to constables.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-18-115(b), is amended by deleting the word "sheriff" and by substituting instead the language "sheriff or constable".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-18-115(d)(1), is amended by deleting the first two sentences and by substituting instead the following:

The original process, endorsed as indicated below, an affidavit of the appropriate sheriff or constable setting forth the sheriff or constable's compliance with the requirements of the preceding provisions, and the return receipt signed by the defendant shall be attached together and sent to and filed by the clerk of the court of general sessions. There shall be endorsed on the original warrant by the sheriff or constable over the sheriff or constable's signature the date of the sheriff or constable's mailing the certified copy to the defendant; thereupon service of the defendant shall be consummated.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-18-115(d)(2), is amended by deleting the language "deputy sheriff" and by substituting instead the language "deputy sheriff or constable".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-18-115(e), is amended by deleting the language "sheriff or sheriff's deputy" wherever it appears and by substituting instead the language "sheriff, sheriff's deputy, or constable".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.